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## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

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2.  **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3.  **Unity of invention is lacking** (See Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.  
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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

as suggested by the applicant.  
 because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.  
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None of the figures.

## Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

## NEW ABSTRACT

Financial management systems (100) and methods for development and administration of investment trusts which may be traded as securities are provided. These trusts may be based on underlying investment instruments optimally selected to provide dividends and equity, and the trust's value may reflect accrued investment income and maintenance expenses. The financial management systems (100) may periodically evaluate and report the performance of the investment trust (112), and may also permit investors in the trusts to redeem their ownership in the trust for cash or investment instruments of the trust.

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**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

**B. FIELDS SEARCHED**

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 705/36, 37

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,946,667 A (TULL, JR. et al) 31 August 1999, col. 3, line 15 thru col. 16, line 57.	1-16
A	US 6,088,685 A (KIRON et al) 11 July 2000, entire document.	1-16

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